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TO IMMEDIATE SANTIAGO [REDACTED]

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1. TIME HAS COME TO PLACE VIAUX OPERATION, INCLUDING
AIRDROP, INTO PERSPECTIVE.

2. OUR GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS: A) WE WISH TO
ENCOURAGE VIAUX TO EXPAND AND REFINE HIS COUP PLANNING;
B) TO GAIN SOME INFLUENCE OVER HIS ACTIONS; C) TO SUSPEND
ANY ACTUAL DECISION, INsofar AS WE CAN INFLUENCE HIM, TO
STAGE A VIAUX COUP UNTIL WE CAN ASSESS ITS CHANCES FOR
SUCCESS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION ON WHAT HE HAS, COLLATERAL
INTELLIGENCE, AND THE SITUATION AT THE TIME.

3. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS TO ESTABLISH DIRECT

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CONTACT WITH VIAUX THROUGH [REDACTED] THIS HAS BEEN WELL
DONE. NEXT STEP IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON WHAT VIAUX
HAS GOING FOR HIM, WITH AS MANY SPECIFICS AS POSSIBLE, AND
TO CROSS CHECK INFORMATION HE PROVIDES WITH OTHER SOURCES.
TO EXECUTE AIRDROPS TO UNKNOWN QUANTITY IS SELF-EVIDENTLY
IMPRUDENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR THIS REASON
HEADQUARTERS IS NOT CONTEMPLATING AN AIRDROP AT THIS TIME
ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE OUR CONTINGENCY PLANNING IN THIS REGARD
AND ASK YOU TO DO THE SAME.

4. [REDACTED]

WE ARE NOW FACED WITH ESTABLISHING [REDACTED] BONA FIDES. DO
NOT UNDERSTAND WHY ARMS DROP IS ONLY WAY OF ACCOMPLISHING
THIS AND WHY MONEY WOULD NOT WORK [REDACTED]

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5. ASK THAT [REDACTED] RECONTACT VIAUX AND OFFER HIM, OR EVEN TAKE WITH HIM, SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO IMPRESS VIAUX WITH BONA FIDES. MONEY IS TO BUY ARMS, BRIBE ARSENAL COMMANDERS TO PROVIDE ARMS, OR TO ACQUIRE THEM IN ANY FASHION HE CAN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO OFFER VIAUX WHATEVER SUM YOU BELIEVE IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH BONA FIDES, UP TO [REDACTED] YOU MAY WISH START WITH SMALLER SUM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP. EXPLAIN TO VIAUX THAT WE HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH ARMS DROPS AND THAT THEY MUST BE PLANNED WITH ALL THE CARE OF A MAJOR MILITARY OPERATION. WE WISH TO SAFEGUARD HIM AS WELL AS OURSELVES FROM SOME ABORTIVE AND ALERTING ACTION. TIME BEFORE 24 OCTOBER TOO SHORT TO DO PROFESSIONAL JOB AND WE WOULD DO NO OTHER. [REDACTED] MAY DISCUSS WITH VIAUX, IN SOME DETAIL, HOW AIRDROPS WORK IN ORDER TO IMPRESS HIM WITH OUR PROFESSIONALISM AND THUS ADD SOME ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCE TO BONA FIDES BY DISPLAY

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TO OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE.

6. IN SUM, PURPOSE OF ACCOMPLISHING PARA TWO GUIDELINES IS TO PLACE US IN POSITION OF MAKING SOLID JUDGMENT ON WHETHER VIAUX COUP HAS ANY CHANCE FOR SUCCESS ON ITS OWN OR WHETHER COULD TRIGGER LARGER COUP IN LIGHT OF OVERALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT TIME THAT DECISION TO MOVE OR NOT MOVE BECOMES IMPERATIVE. WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT VIAUX WILL BE [REDACTED] BUT WE DO ASK STATION TO TRY INFLUENCE HIM AND, AS SINA QUA NON, FIND OUT WHAT FORCES HE CONTROLS AND FINANCE HIM AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. IF MONEY IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH BONA FIDES IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WILL BE, SHORT OF AN AIRDROP, WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE ILL CONSIDERED NOW ON BASIS OPS INFORMATION YOU HAVE PROVIDED IN LAST FEW DAYS.

7. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF [REDACTED] /VIAUX RECONTACT.

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